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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis. I(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 10,23-29,41 and 47-94.	YES
	Claims 1-9,11-22,30-40 and 42-46	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 10,23-29,41 and 47-94	YES
	Claims 1-9,11-22,30-40, 42 and 43	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-94	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-22, 30-36 and 44-46 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by CAIN et al (5,590,657).

Claims 1-9, 11-22, 30-40, 42 and 43 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by SANGHVI et al (5,676,692).

Claims 10, 23-29, 41 and 47-94 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the specific method steps and/or structure of these claims.

Claims 1-94 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.